

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Originally patented claims 1-41 and new claims 42-74 were initially presented for reissue on December 27, 2001. Claims 54-74 were cancelled, and new claims 75-103 were added by amendment on December 13, 2002. Claims 42-53 and 75-103 were cancelled on March 26, 2003. In an Amendment mailed on March 5, 2004, claims 19-22 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 104-128 were added. Accordingly, claims 19-22, and 42-103 are cancelled; and claims 1-18; 23-41 and 104-128 are presently pending. Support for new claims 104-128 was presented in the Communication mailed on March 5, 2004.

New claims in proper format for Reissue

New claims 104-128, which were added by the Amendment mailed March 25, 2004, are herein presented in the form required by 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b)(2) ; 37 C.F.R. 1.173(d)(2) and MPEP 1453, as appropriate for a Reissue application.

Applicants thank Examiner McKelvey for pointing out the informality in the previous presentation of the new claims, and for providing an opportunity for correction prior to issuance of an Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if he believes that a discussion would expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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